

Praying

MINISTRY WORKERS "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2 ESV)
Our Pastoral Transition: Elders, Church Council, Call Committee, and the Olson's transition to Minnesota

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS Christians constitute less than 2% of the population in Pakistan. They frequently experience harassment, mob violence, kidnappings, forced marriages and more. Pray for intercession for these persecuted believers.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders
- Farmers & Ranchers

HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Bryan Fevold, Jennie Stutsman (Angela's friend), Chris Schaffer (Rodney's friend), Rachel Meuchel, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland, Debby Skoglund, Hayley Moe, Rea Lynn (Chad's cousin's daughter), Russell, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Ceynar family

FAMILY

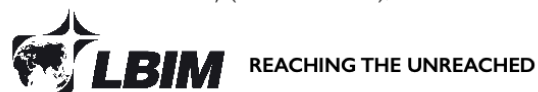
Arlen, Chelsea & Evelina Jacobson; Jamie, Meghan, Aksel, Demi, Odin & Henry Jellessed

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

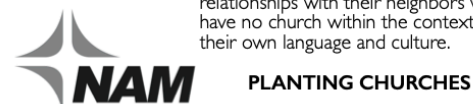
Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Timothy Johnson, Edmonds, Washington



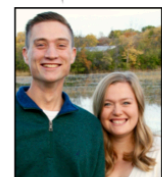
Faculty & Staff Dr. Nate Larsen, Professor of Practical Theology
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Dauda & Deborah Iliya



Daniel and Nancy, with their children, are partner missionaries, called and sent to the LBIM field in Chad by the Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church of Taiwan. They are living in and ministering among the Bilala people group of Bokoro, Chad, sharing their lives and the gospel through their relationships with their neighbors who have no church within the context of their own language and culture.



Carl and Emily are church planting in Lincoln, ND, a community next door to Bismarck. It is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, made up largely of young families who need to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus. A successful children's ministry has been the major focus. Pray that the Lord will add dedicated members to the launch team as they prepare to begin having weekly worship services and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



Growing & Serving



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

5:00 PM Elders Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service

Reading & Understanding the Bible
An introduction to Studying & Teaching the Old & New Testaments by Dr. Brad Pribbenow
Saturday, September 7th, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Reading the Bible is, in a way, no different than reading any other book. Yet, the Bible isn't like any other book. So, how do we go about reading the Bible faithfully, and in the way it is intended to be read?

In this one-day workshop, we will consider an approach toward reading and understanding the Bible that is reverent, Christ-focused, and attuned to the unique characteristics of the biblical text.

BIRTHDAYS

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| Aug 5 | Kyle Dragseth | Aug 12 | Lane Odenbach |
| Aug 13 | Wayne Johnson | Aug 19 | Amanda Kindel |
| Aug 20 | Arlen Jacobson | Aug 23 | Lynn Heiser |

Building Project

GOAL \$1,250,000

NEEDED 674,000

RAISED 576,000

Education & Fellowship Center



Welcome!

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost • August 4, 2024

We're glad you're here to worship with us. If you're visiting with us today, we hope you'll stick around for a bit after the service. We'd love to get acquainted with you. If you'd like us to contact you, please scan our QR code on the back of the bulletin, or fill out a visitor card at our Welcome Center.

BIBLE CENTERED Through God's saving Word we have been adopted into God's Family and share in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY FOCUSED As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we serve each other and worship, learn and work together.

MISSION DRIVEN We are engaged in Jesus' disciple-making mission - winning souls for Christ by the preaching of the Word and personal witnessing, and strengthening believers through Christian fellowship in the Word and Sacraments.



Order of Worship

Gathering Song *

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs of Praise

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

Benediction

Doxology

* If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted in bold.

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 34:1-8, 1 Kings 19:1-8, Ephesians 4:17-5:2, John 6:35-51

Oh How Good It Is

Psalm 145:10-21

Battle Belongs Mighty to Save

Exodus 16:2-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

By Faith

John 6:22-25

Now and Forever

All Around the World



HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Your kingdom come. What does this mean?

The kingdom of God truly does come of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How is this done?

The kingdom of God comes to us when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word, and live a godly life here on earth and in heaven forever.

298 To what kingdom do those belong who love and serve sin?

They belong to the kingdom of Satan.

1 John 3:8 "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



The Lord's Supper

Who may participate?

This sacrament is meant for believers in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It is the way that God unites His church, sustains the church and grows faith, hope and love as the church participates in this shared grace together. Communion is God's way of delivering assurance of the forgiveness of sins to the flock.

What is received?

Christ gives to the communicants His body and blood - in, with, and under the bread and wine. He declares the forgiveness of sin to all believers, and strengthens their faith.

I feel I'm unworthy to receive

Being unworthy of Jesus' body and blood is the primary reason to receive the forgiveness of sins promised in communion. But it is possible to receive communion with an unworthy attitude. Therefore, self-examination is called for (1 Corinthians 11:28, 31).

I do well to ask myself:

1. Do I believe Jesus' promises?

"Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).

2. Do I recognize Jesus' presence?

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).

3. Am I reconciled with my fellow believers?

If we do not value reconciliation with others, we put ourselves in a place where we are distancing ourselves from God's will for us. We are living in rebellion.

4. Do I recognize my sinfulness and that it will be the death of me?

(1 John 1:5-10)

5. Is my hope in Jesus alone as the one who can give me eternal life?

We invite those who confess Jesus as their Savior from sin and death to receive the gift of forgiveness of sins offered and gifted in this sacrament.

A Note for Parents

Because communion requires time for self-examination, we do not encourage communion for children until they are old enough to be taught and old enough for self-examination. Through teaching they will appreciate its significance. Catechism Classes provide an opportunity to learn about the Lord's Supper. These classes are taught with the use of Luther's Small Catechism ... If you would like a copy of the Small Catechism for personal instruction or to instruct your children please contact the Pastor or the church office.

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